reported by ICMR, the IDVC project was approved in 1985 by the then Prime Minister of India and was sanctioned for continuation till the end of the VIII Plan, i.e. March 1997. Beyond this date, the Project has been continuing on a year to year basis after getting appropriate approvals upto 1999-2000. The funds allocated to the project is reported to have been fruitfully utilised by ICMR.

The recommendations of the Rudrappa Committee, with regard to the permanency or otherwise of the mega projects being run by ICMR, including Integrated Disease Vector Control Project were placed before the Scientific Advisory Board in its recent meeting held in April, 2000, whose recommendation, when received, will be taken into account to decide the issue.

Primary health centres in Rajasthan

5077. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of primary health Centres/hospitals/ dispensaries proposed to be set up in the desert and tribal areas of Rajasthan during the next three years;

(b) the places identified so far for establishment of those Health Centres and hospitals during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 in above mentioned areas, indicating budgetary allcoations made therefor, year-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NT. SHANMUGAM); (a) to (c) The Primary Health Centres in desert and tribal areas have already been establishment as per the norms. Therefore, there is no proposal to set up Primary Health Centres in the desert and the tribal areas of Rajasthan during next three years.

Health care Centres

5078. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of healthcare centres in the country is inadequate to meet the situation as per population;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have not even utilized the grants received from international agencies, including Work Bank, for health care programmes;